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REMARKS

The Applicants have canceled Claims 30-58 without prejudice to their continued prosecution in any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application. Applicants have added new Claim 59. Thus, Claims 1-29 and 59 are presented for examination.

In the Office Action dated May 15, 2006, the Examiner has required the election of one of ten groups of claims. In response, the Applicants hereby elect **Group III** (consisting of Claims 5-15, drawn to a monoclonal antibody and a pharmaceutical composition comprising said antibody) without traverse. The Applicants respectfully submit that new Claim 59 is also part of Group III since it is also directed to a monoclonal antibody, and depends from Claim 6.

The Examiner has further required a species election of a specific substituent group R_1 . The Applicants hereby elect the species in which group R_1 is a carrier molecule. The Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 6 is specifically directed to embodiments in which group R_1 is an immunoconjugate carrier molecule. If the Examiner requires a narrower species election, the Applicants hereby elect the species in which group R_1 is keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH). New Claim 59 is specifically directed to embodiments in which the immunoconjugate carrier molecule comprises keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH). Support for new Claim 59 can be found in the present specification, for example, at ¶¶ [0021], [0040], [0044], [0045], and [0048].

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all the issues raised in the outstanding Office Action, and respectfully submits that the case is now in condition for examination on the merits. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain, or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned to discuss such issues.


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